



Issue 8

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***Have you...
...reached a plateau in
your ideas for using
your SMARTboard?
Have a look at [this](#)
[blog post](#) and it might
set you on a new
track.***



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****Important Info for everyone at PPS****

You might have noticed that as you add a few images and game templates to your Notebook files, they rapidly increase in size.

If these are shared on the teacher's drive, then saved again to your own account, the server fills up very quickly.

To save space on our server, we have a new website where you can share and access Notebook files.

At [SMARTbowl](#) you will be able to access Notebook resources organised by KLA and grade.

This will only work if we share resources.

If you have made a Notebook file that you would like to share, please place it in the

If you liked...

... Storyline Online, then try [The Story Home](#). Lots of audio stories including classics, fairytales, fables and original stories. ***Suitable for K-6.***

... Jenny Eather's Writing Fun, then try searching [Text Tips](#) in the primary resources in TaLE. Text Tips are Notebook files on various text types for stages 1 - 3.

... Photopeach, then try [Beeclip](#) for making collages and scrapbooks from videos and photos.



'IWB Share' folder on the Teachers' Drive, and I will add it to the website.

If you have a good website for Interactive Whiteboard resources, email me a link and I'll add that to the IWB page.

Each page of SMARTbowl has its own discussion board where you can ask questions and make suggestions.

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As the end of the year approaches, and seeing as its spring, now is as good a time as any to have a look through My Documents, in your own and your class account and give it a good spring cleaning. Don't forget to check the teachers drive for files and folders you may have left there that you don't want anymore.

VIDEO WEBSITE...*Thinking about...**... giving yourself or your class a greater presence online?**You might like to look at building a wiki. Wikis are websites that can be edited by members (think Wikipedia). They are very simple to use and have a great deal of potential.**Visit this [Livebinder](#) of wiki how-to resources to see if wikis are for you.***TIMER TOOLS...***Are you looking for new ways to save your voice and your sanity? We've all given our kids a time limit, rung a bell or done The Teacher's Clap.**Have you tried an online countdown? Some of these you can choose music or animal sounds or have an analogue or digital display. They will sound an alarm at the end of a set time, or you can select a short piece of music to play for pack up or transition time.**All are easy to use and are eye/ear-catching for your kids.*[ClassTools](#)[Teach It](#)[Online Stopwatch](#)[Game Timers](#)**NEXT VISTA FOR LEARNING***Next Vista for Learning is a video repository for teachers and students made by teachers and students.**Next Vista divides its videos into three sections.**The **Lightbulbs** collection is a set of videos on subject areas such as history, culture, fitness, writing, maths, arts and technology.**The **Global Views** collection contains videos about life in different regions around the world including North and South America, Asia and Africa.**The **Seeing Service** collection has videos highlighting people who do "good deeds" in various areas around the world.**All the videos are short- less than 5 minutes- and are evaluated by the Next vista volunteers before being added to the site.**Do you...**...teach something that later needs to be **untaught**?**-Capital letters are made with shift, unless it's a full word or sentence, then use capslock.**- Keyboard arrows will navigate to mistakes in writing without erasing like backspace.**- The flashing line on the screen is called a cursor or an I-beam.**- The arrow that moves around the screen is called a cursor or a pointer.*



Looking for....

... more web tools?

Try [50 Ways to Integrate Technology](#) and [50 MORE Ways to Integrate Technology](#).

Don't forget to run any sites you plan to use through the web filter check. You can find that under My Applications in the Portal.

MANAGEMENT WEBSITE...

"ClassDojo is an in-classroom tool that helps you to manage behaviour and boost engagement in class really quickly and easily. ClassDojo enables you to recognise specific behaviours and accomplishments in real-time, with just one click..."

With Class Dojo, you enter the names of your students, then award or remove points for particular achievements. The page shows all students' avatars and the number of points they currently have. You can view the class activity in graphs and text and print results.

Class Dojo can be left open on your IWB for instant feedback and increased engagement.

Free to use if you sign up for the trial version now.



WRITING WEBSITE...

[This blog](#) contains over 200 posts, each one is a quirky picture or interesting message that is a great prompt for writing. If you scroll through, there are posts there to suit all grades, K-6.

Not necessarily just for writing, these would also be great conversation, public speaking and classroom debating topics; perfect for enhancing your talking and listening program.



For a quiet start to the morning, why not have an image ready on the board for Power Writing first thing? Perhaps you could alternate independent writing with small group discussion?

Watch...

[Hole in the Wall.](#) *This documentary is about an Indian researcher who installed internet kiosks in the slums of India. In just a few hours, children who had never used a computer before, were finding their way around the internet. It's interesting to see how the children take up the technology and has implications for how we introduce our own students to new ICT.*

